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PRESIDENT

May 14, 2003

To: **Marlene H. Dortch**
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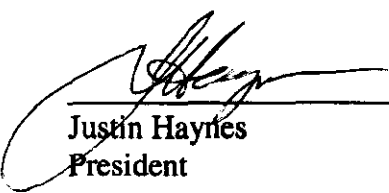
Re: **CC Docket No. 96-45**
Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - ICLS
Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that Big Bend Telephone Co., Inc., will use its **Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - ICLS** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area listed below.

Big Bend Telephone Co., Texas, Study Area 2039

Signed,


Justin Haynes
President

Date: May 14, 2003

Carrier's Name:
Carrier's Address:

Carrier's Telephone Number:

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